

Jiiddu language

Jiiddu (also known as **Jiddu** or **Af-Jiiddu**) is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken by the Jiiddu Tribe of the Digil, a Somali clan inhabiting southern Somalia. It is part of the family's Cushitic branch, and has an estimated 100,000 speakers mainly residing in the Lower Shabeelle, Bay and Middle Jubba regions and the sultan of Jiddo is called warsame Alio Ibrow^[3]

Typically classified as part of the Digil group of languages, Jiiddu has a different phonology and sentence structure from Somali. However, it more closely resembles Somali than Baiso. It also possibly shares commonalities with the Hadiyya, Gedeo, Alaba-Kabeena, Konso and Kambaata languages spoken in southern Ethiopia.^[4]

Notes

1. [Jiiddu](https://www.ethnologue.com/19/language/jii/) (<https://www.ethnologue.com/19/language/jii/>) at Ethnologue (19th ed., 2016)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Jiiddu" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/angoid/id/jiid1238>). Glottolog 3.0. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Raymond G. Gordon Jr., ed. 2005. There is Jiddu Dictionary wrote by Prof. Saalim Aliyow ibrow, Jiddu Dictionary is one of the most famous dictionaries in Africa especially Somalia. *DiEthnologue: Languages of the World*. 15th edition. Dallas: Summer Institute of Linguistics.
4. [Ethnologue - Jiiddu language](http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=jii) (http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=jii)

Jiiddu	
Native to	Somalia
Region	Southwestern (Qoryoley, Kurtunwarey and Sablaale)
Native speakers	100,000 (2019) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cushitic ▪ Lowland East ▪ Somali ▪ Jiiddu
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	jii
Glottolog	jiid1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/angoid/id/jiid1238) ^[2]

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